



KING COUNTY

# Madsen Creek Interceptor Alternatives Project

July 2000

## Summer Workshops

### Mark Your Calendar!

### First Workshop to Develop Wastewater Alternatives to be Held July 26<sup>th</sup>

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, King County is hosting the first of three public workshops to develop alternatives for carrying wastewater from the Fairwood area.

A pipeline located in the Madsen Creek Ravine currently conveys wastewater from the Fairwood area. The pipeline is in need of repair, but is located in a sensitive area that is prone to landslides and erosion. Because the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has denied a permit to permanently stabilize the Madsen Creek pipeline, alternative alignments for the pipeline must be developed. Join King County at the first of three public workshops that are provided to give members of the Fairwood Community an opportunity to participate in developing the preferred alternative.

During this first public workshop, representatives from the King County Wastewater Treatment Division will present a preliminary list of options. The community will be asked to identify additional options, provide feedback on the preliminary options, and ask questions about the project.

### Bring Your Ideas, Comments and Questions

**First Workshop**  
Wednesday, July 26, 2000  
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Lindbergh High School  
16426 128<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE

**Future Workshops**  
Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> Lindbergh HS  
Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> Fairwood  
Elementary School  
(both meetings 6:00-8:30 pm)



### Kick-off Meeting a Success

A kick-off public meeting was held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Fairwood Community United Methodist Church. Approximately 30 members of the community shared their questions and concerns about the project. A summary of the questions and concerns raised during the meeting are included on the following pages.

101 Stewart Street, Suite 1101  
Seattle, WA 98101

### PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Lindbergh High School  
16426 128<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE

Goal: Develop Possible Alternatives

### PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Lindbergh High School  
16426 128<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE

Goal: Narrow List of Alternatives

### PUBLIC WORKSHOP #3

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Fairwood Elementary School  
16600 148<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Goal: Present Preferred Alternative

### QUESTIONS?



For more information regarding the public meeting please call Kathy Albert at (206) 269-5041 or Stan Hummel, King County Project Manager, at (206) 684-1844.

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# Questions and Answers

## Why does anything need to be done to the Madsen Creek sewer pipeline?

The Madsen Creek Ravine is a high-risk and environmentally sensitive location. Because the pipeline is in the ravine, it is more prone to damage from landslides and erosion and is difficult to repair. Partly due to erosion in the ravine, the pipeline is at risk of failure. If the pipeline fails, sewage will discharge into the creek which will result in an environmental and public health hazard. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers denied King County a permit to permanently stabilize the pipeline and asked the County to develop another long term solution.

## What will I have to pay for this project?

No special taxes or assessments will be requested from the local community to fund this project. A portion of the fees paid by each resident to the Cedar River Water and Sewer District is passed on to King County. The cost of this project has been budgeted out of those funds.

## Where will a new sewer pipeline be placed?

The location – or alignment – of a new pipeline or piping system has not been selected but will be selected based on what is decided at the community workshops. It could be located east or west of the Madsen Creek Ravine, but there are many factors to be considered in the decision, including possible coordination with current construction (such as 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE).

**Will the new system include a pumping station? If so, where will it be located?**

A pumping station will be one of the alternatives considered. That's why we are here, inviting you and your neighbors to be part of identifying possible alternatives. King County is committed to involving local residents in the process and a preferred alternative will not be selected without your input. There are advantages and disadvantages to a pumping station relative to an all-gravity pipe. The community will be asked to weigh these considerations before a preferred alternative is chosen. During the upcoming public workshops, the community will be part of developing the range of possible options – including a pumping station.

## What will happen to the existing sewer pipeline?

This has not yet been decided, but it is possible that the pipe will be left in the Madsen Creek Ravine. Because of the environmentally sensitive nature of the ravine, the impacts of removing the pipe may outweigh the impacts of leaving it in place. We will keep you updated as this issue develops.

### Can I participate in choosing the preferred alternative?

Yes! Public workshops have been scheduled to give community members a say in the alternatives considered and how they should be weighed and valued. To participate in the process, come to the workshops:

- July 26<sup>th</sup> at Lindbergh High School
- August 16<sup>th</sup> at Lindbergh High School

A third workshop will provide a detailed description of the preferred alternative:

- September 27<sup>th</sup> at Fairwood Elementary School

If you and your neighbors cannot attend one or more of the workshops, King County would still like to hear your opinions and can schedule another time to talk with you about the project. If your community group or organization would like to meet with the project team separately, please contact Stan Hummel, King County Project Manager, at (206) 684-1844, or Kathy Albert, Community Involvement Coordinator, at (206) 269-5041.

**Are efforts being made to stabilize the Madsen Creek ravine?**

Last year emergency pipeline repairs and stabilization measures were performed in the main stem of the ravine. Currently an effort is underway to further stabilize the ravine by planting vegetation, placing large wood and rock debris in the ravine, and creating a stormwater detention pond to prevent erosion from surface runoff.

## Who can I contact with my opinions and questions?

In addition to attending the workshops, you can contact Stan Hummel at (206) 684-1844, or Kathy Albert at (206) 269-5041.

## Project Timeline:

